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31 July 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell,  
Colonel White, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Helms, Mr. Kent, Mr.

[redacted]

MR. DULLES:

a. Noted his concern over the developing situation in [redacted] and stated we should get together with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and representatives from the Department of State as soon as possible. The Director also noted that [redacted] the former Chief of Station, had departed [redacted] on 29 July PCS, which date was just about the time the situation in [redacted] was hotting up. He said in the future where a Chief of Station who is scheduled to depart his post for any reason finds that the situation in his area is such that his continued presence would benefit the U. S. Government, then Headquarters should ensure that such departure is delayed. (Action: DD/P) Mr. Bissell pointed out that insofar as [redacted] is concerned, arrangements have been made to reinforce that Station from Headquarters and [redacted]. The Director also noted we should, if possible, dispatch an agent with communication facilities to the troubled spot in [redacted] in order to find out what is actually taking place. He commented that it was not necessary for this person to be an American. (Action: DD/P) Mr. Bissell remarked that there had been discussions of the possibility of sending to [redacted] a contingent from the [redacted]. [redacted] The Director stated that any action along these lines should have the concurrence of the Department of State. (Action: DD/P)

General Cabell noted that he would in all probability see General Twining this morning and would mention the [redacted] situation to him and also Mr. Dulles' desire to meet with the Chiefs and representatives of State.

b. Noted he had just seen yesterday a letter dated in early July from [redacted]. He said it appeared this letter had been delivered to DD/I by hand of [redacted] and had not been brought to the attention of anyone in the immediate office of the Director. He asked those present to ensure that in the future when letters are received action be taken that they show time and date received and that action is taken without undue delay.